Lack of essential facilities in AIIMS

2573. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the internal working of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi has developed large number of shortcomings as has been revealed by random checking recently;

(b) whether the life saving drugs like antibiotics and other essential medical and surgical equipments like gloves, masks and connector for giving intravenous fluids are not available; and

(c) whether Government propose to conduct an enquiry into these shortcomings and ensure that various essential facilities are made available in this premier institute?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. All commonly use and Life saving/emergency items in the AIIMS hospital are procured and provided for all in-patients. However, costly/other surgical items are bought by the Patients' attendants. For very poor indigent patients and Employee Health Services (EHS) patients all the required items are provided by the Institute.

A total of 550 different types of medicines are being procured and issued to inpatient areas which include 96 antibiotics listed as per AIIMS Drug Formulary. In addition costly high end antibiotics and other costly medicines are also issued to the poor indigent patients on specific recommendation of the treating doctor. There is no shortage of any life saving, essential and common used medicine and surgical consumable items for the hospital inpatients in AIIMS Hospital.

Fertility rate in HP

2574. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special plan has been formulated to bring down total fertility rate in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;